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ABKHAZIA AND SOUTH OSSETIA

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Stoere released an August 26 statement sharply criticizing Russian recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Embassy had spoken with Norwegian MFA Assistant Director General Dag Halvorsen, leader of the MFA's Caucaus section on August 25 to explain U.S. objections to possible Russian recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Stoere's statement echoed U.S. objections stressing the principle of territorial integrity set out in the UN Charter and saying that Russia's action violates these principles, is not conducive to a peaceful solution and undermines the ceasefire. Stoere stated that in Norway's opinion the recognition has no basis in international law, and that Norway will support efforts by the OSCE and the EU to find a permanent solution within Georgia's existing borders.
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